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Inventors: Lau et al.) Group Art Unit: 3308
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Form FB-A820 have come to the attention of Applicants and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Copies of each of the listed documents are enclosed.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238 on June 16, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,735,893 on April 7, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721 on February 18, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154 on May 7, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9, 1993 (now

abandoned) which is a file-wrapper-continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/783,558 filed October 28, 1991 (now abandoned).

Additionally, the present application is related to U.S. Serial No. 08/214,402 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,421,955 on June 6, 1995, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 (above referenced), and to U.S. Serial No. 08/783,033 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,728,158 on March 17, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 (above referenced), and to U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,238 on June 16, 1998 and is also a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 (above referenced), and U.S. Serial No. 09/084,797 filed May 26, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434 (above referenced).

It is requested that the Examiner consider the referenced material and initial Form FB-A820 for each reference.

Applicant believes this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office action and therefore no fee is due. However, if a fee is in fact due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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